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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF 2 JUNE MOVEMENT DEFENDANTS - 24TH SESSION

REF: USBERLIN 1809 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: TRIAL HELD ONE SESSION DURING WEEK OF 31 JULY AT WHICH ONLY ONE, TILL MEYER, OF DEFENDANTS WAS ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT. PRESENTATION OF FURTHER EVIDENCE TOOK PLACE. END SUMMARY.

1. BERLIN PRESS BRIEFLY REPORTED EVENTS AT 24TH SESSION OF TRIAL HELD ON 4 AUGUST.

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2. TILL MEYER WAS THE ONLY ONE OF SIX ACCUSED WHO ATTENDED THE 4 AUGUST SESSION. HE HAD ASKED FOR RE-ADMITTANCE TO THE TRIAL THROUGH HIS DEFENSE COUNSEL STATING THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER DISTURB THE TRIAL ALTHOUGH HE WOULD CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY HIS COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL. A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR RE-ADMITTANCE

BY DEFENDANTS RALF REINDERS, GERALD KLOEPPER, ANDREAS VOGEL, FRITZ TEUFEL AND RONALD FRITZSCH WAS REJECTED BY THE COURT ON GROUNDS THAT IT CONTAINED INSULTING REMARKS. THE COURT IMPOSED THREE DAYS OF DISCIPLINARY CONFINEMENT DUE TO CONTEMPT OF COURT ON A MEMBER OF AUDIENCE WHO HAD INSULTED THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR.

3. DURING THE SESSION, THE COURT HEARD THE TESTIMONY OF THREE CRIMINAL POLICE OFFICIALS AND A WEAPONS EXPERT. THE WITNESSES REPORTED ABOUT THE APPREHENSION OF FRITZ TEUFEL IN BERLIN (WEDDING) IN SEPTEMBER 1975, AFTER A THREE-YEAR INTENSIVE SEARCH BY POLICE, AND EVIDENTLY SHORTLY BEFORE THEIR PLANNED ESCAPE FROM BERLIN. TUEFEL, IN THE COMPANY OF GABRIELE ROLLNICK, WAS LEAVING AN APARTMENT HOUSE TO ENTER A STOLEN VW-BUS PARKED NEAR THE HOUSE. BOTH, TEUFEL AND ROLLNICK WERE ARMED; TEUFEL ALSO CARRIED FALSIFIED IDENTITY DOCUMENTS WITH HIM. IN THE APARTMENT, SEVERAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING A SHOT GUN WITH SAWN OFF BARREL, AND DUMDUM BULLETS WRE FOUND AND CONFISCATED. THE VW-BUS WAS LOADED WITH FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

4. TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE AUGUST 15. NO EX-PLANATION WAS GIVEN FOR THE MORE THAN WEEK LONG PAUSE, HOWEVER WE SUSPECT THAT SCHEDULING OF SUMMER VACATIONS MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE. NELSON
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